

Board of County Commissioners
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota
Resolution # _____

Date: February 28, 2006

A resolution identifying State mandates for repeal

WHEREAS, on behalf of the taxpayers of Mille Lacs County, the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners continually seeks ways to keep the cost of county government as low as possible; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of Mille Lacs County government is significantly affected by mandates from the State of Minnesota; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes §6.79 allows local governments to submit to the State Auditor proposed reforms to state mandates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mille Lacs County Board of Commissioners hereby submits to the state auditor a certified copy of this resolution and the attached (Exhibit A) list of mandates, along with statute citations and comments, as candidates for modification or repeal as noted.

SIGNED:

Robert Hoefert, Chairman

ATTEST:

Philip Thompson, County Auditor-Treasurer

Mandate	Statute	Comments
Totally state-fund continued health insurance for disabled Peace Officers.	299A.465	Employers are required to pay the employer share of disabled peace officers' and their dependents' health insurance until the peace officer reaches age 65 even if the officer gains other employment and health insurance coverage. Since this benefit was created in the late 1990's, there has been a surge in disability retirements. In part because of this, both employer and employee contribution rates to the PERA Police and Fire pension plan are increasing over 50%. When this benefit was originally enacted it was predicted on the state paying 100% of its costs. The State should fund this benefit, not the County.